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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School New Orleans, Louisiana:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School ("the School") as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2009, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

New Orleans, Louisiana December 31, 2009

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NOLA 180 D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

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NOSE IS		2009	2008		
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	466,464	\$	102,665	
Contributions receivable		20,600		80,000	
Grants receivable		143,098		374,193	
Deposits		19,570		1,020	
Prepaid expenses		<u>-</u>		4,539	
Total current assets	<u></u>	649,732		562,417	
EQUIPMENT, NET		15,317		15,908	
Total assets	\$	665,049	\$	578,325	
LIABILITIES AND N	ET AS	SSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	126,094	\$	119,895	
Note payable		150,000		<u>-</u>	
Capital lease payable - current portion		7,202		6,924	
Total current liabilities		283.296		126,819	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:					
Capital lease payable - non-current portion		1,228		8,430	
Total liabilities		284,524		135,249	
NET ASSETS:					
Unrestricted		115,327		186,233	
Temporarily restricted		265,198		256,843	
Total net assets	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	380,525		443,076	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	665,049	\$	578,325	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOLA 180 DJB/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2008

		2009				ļ.	2008		
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Unrestricted	1	Restricted		Total
Revenues and support: Contributions	96.433	A7 A74	٠	577 616	34.04		000000		700 747
Grants			,		2004,004		200,000	n	100,700
Federal	887,500	1		887,500	415,298	æ	•		415,298
Local - Minimum Foundation Program	1,830,128	•	-	830,128	506,352	r.i	•		506,352
State - Minimum Foundation Program	1,506,620	•	-	1,506,620	313,869	0			313,869
State - Other	245,717			245,717	119,911	_	•		129,911
Other revenue	10,259	•		10,259	1,411	_	•		1,4]
Interest income	•	•		•	124	4	•		124
Net assets released from restrictions	465,809	(465,809)		1	193,157	~ -	(193,157)		1
Total revenues and other support	5,045.485	8,355	1	5,053,840	1,697,028	∞	106,843		1,803,871
Expenses:									
Personnel:									
Instructional	1,895,985	•		895,985	853,981	_	•		853,981
Non-instructional	983,165			591,165	107,364	77	r		107,364
Total personnel	2,879,150		~	2,879,150	961,345	121			961,345
Other expenses.									
Adminstrative	333,095	,		333,095	93,984	7	,		93,984
Facility, equipment, and maintenance	161.39%			161,396	155,731	_	,		157,23
Textbooks and supplies	283,984	,		283,984	82,662	~	ı		82,662
Student transportation	567,410	•		567,410	194,337	-	٠		194,337
Child nutribon	274,720	•		274,720	63,254	4	•		63,254
Travel	30,018	•		30,018	17,327		•		17,327
Depreciation	1,929	•		7,929	0+0*9	9			6,040
Interest	181	•		4 8	909	9	•		909
Insurance	57,143	•		57,143	13,247	7	,		13,247
Miscellaneous	792,207	•		99,207	79,296	•	•		79,296
Loss from misappropriation	421,858	•		421,658		.)	,		٠
Total supporting services	2,237,241		7	2,237,241	606,484	41	•		606,484
Total expenses	5,116,391			5,116,391	1,567,829	6	•	-	628'195'1
Change in net assets	(70,906)	8,355		(62,551)	129,199	ð.	106,843		236,042
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	186,233	256,843		443,076	57,034	4	150,000	1	207,034
NET ASSETS AT END OF THE YEAR	\$ 115,327	\$ 265,198	6 7	380,525	\$ 186,233	ω •	256,843	٠٠	443,076

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

NOLA 180 D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

	2009		2008	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Change in net assets	\$	(62,551)	\$	236,042
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets				
to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		7,929		6,040
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Contributions receivable		59,400		70,000
Grants receivable		231,095		(363,969)
Deposits		(18,550)		(1,020)
Prepaid expenses		4,539		(4,539)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		6,199		114,670
Net cash provided by operating activities		228,061		57,224
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchase of equipment		(7,338)		(1,029)
Net cash used in investing activities		(7,338)		(1,029)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Proceeds from note payable		150,000		-
Principal paid on bank note		-		(150,000)
Principal payments on capital lease		(6,924)		(5,555)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		143,076		(155,555)
Net increase (decrease) in cash		363,799		(99,360)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		102,665	·	202,025
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	_\$	466,464		102,665
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS				
Interest paid	\$	481	\$	606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School ("the School"), incorporated on November 6, 2006, is an educational institution organized to turn around a failing school by providing improved educational opportunities to prepare students for the New Orleans' selective admission public and private high schools.

The Recovery School District (RSD) and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved the granting of a charter to the School effective June 1, 2007 for a period ending on June 1, 2012, to operate a Type 5 Charter School, as defined in LA R.S. 17:3996. The School commenced operations with the 2007-2008 school year.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board under Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations. The School is required to report

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets; temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. Accordingly, the net assets of the School and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the School and/or the passage of time.
- Permanently restricted net assets Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that neither
 expire by the passage of time nor can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the School pursuant
 to those stipulations.

Contributions and Revenue Recognition

The School reports contributions of eash or other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor imposed restrictions or requirements that limit the use of the donation. A donor restriction ends when a time restriction is met or a purpose restriction is accomplished. As restrictions are met, assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions in the statement of activities.

Revenues from federal and state grants are recorded when the school has a right to reimbursement under the related grant, generally corresponding to the incurring of grant related costs by the School, or when otherwise earned under the terms of the grants.

Contributed Services

The School receives certain professional services, such as accounting and legal services in its administration of School affairs. Professional fee rates are used in valuing and recording these contributions.

In addition, the School receives services donated by parents and community members in carrying out the School's mission. The value of these services is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements due to their unspecialized nature.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property and Equipment

The land, building and building improvements used to operate the school are owned by the Recovery School District (RSD) and, as such, is recorded on the financial statements of the RSD. The RSD also provides the School with furniture and equipment that are also recorded on the RSD's financial statements and not reported by the School. The School only reports its direct purchases of furniture and equipment. The School has adopted the practice of capitalizing all expenditures for depreciable assets where the unit costs exceed \$1,000. Property is recorded at cost or at fair value for donated assets. Depreciation of these assets is provided on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 3 to 5 years.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in Note 7. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the instructional and supporting services benefited.

Tax Exempt Status

The School is a nonprofit organization exempt from the income taxes under provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code Sections 501(c)(3) and the Louisiana Revised Statutes; therefore, no provision has been made for federal and state income taxes.

Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of cash flows, the School considers all unrestricted cash and cash in bank to be cash and cash equivalents.

New Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time new accounting pronouncements are issued by the FASB that are adopted by the School as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, management believes that the impact of recently issued standards, which are not yet effective, will not have a material impact on the Organization's financial statements upon adoption.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The School adopted revised standards relating to "subsequent events" effective June 30, 2009, which established general standards of accounting for the disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statement are issued or are available to be issued.

2. <u>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE</u>

At June 30, 2009 and 2008, the School has contributions receivable in less than one year of \$20,600 and \$80,000, respectively.

3. EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at June 30, 2009 and 2008 consists of the following:

•		2009	2008		
Furniture and fixtures	\$	7,338	\$	-	
Computer and copier equipment		21,948		21,948	
Total cost		29,286		21,948	
Accumulated depreciation		(13,969)		(6,040)	
Property and equipment, net	\$	15,317	\$	15,908	

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 is \$7,929 and \$6,040, respectively.

4. <u>CAPITAL LEASE</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2008 the School entered into a capital lease arrangement to purchase copier equipment valued at \$20,919. This is a non cash investing and financing transaction and is thus not shown in the statement of cash flows. As of June 30, 2009 and 2008, the remaining book value of the equipment and the capital lease payable were \$8,430 and \$15,108, respectively. The contract requires the School to make 36 monthly payments of \$617 ending in August 2010.

4. <u>CAPITAL LEASE (Continued)</u>

Minimum lease payments relating to the capital lease outstanding are as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Pa	yments
2010	\$	7,405
2011		1,234
	\$	8,639

5. NOTE PAYABLE

During the year ended June 30, 2009 the School entered into a loan agreement with the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation on September 1, 2008 in the amount of \$150,000. The loan agreement states that it bears no interest on the unpaid principal until maturity on September 30, 2009.

6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

For the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$265,198 and \$256,843 of temporarily restricted net assets is subject to specific use restrictions, respectively. For the year ended June 30, 2008, \$30,000 of temporarily restricted net assets is subject to time restrictions.

Use restrictions for temporarily restricted net assets are as follows:

		2009	 2008
Specific Instructional Activities	Instructional Activities \$ 164		\$ 256,843
General Instructional Activities		70,575	-
Musical Instruments		30,292	-
	\$	265,198	\$ 256,843

7. FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

Expenses have been reported in the statement of activities by natural classification. The School presents functional classifications of expenses charged to program services. Instructional programs represent

7. <u>FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES (Continued)</u>

management's estimate of expenses that can be directly allocated to supporting class room and teaching activities and programs. Supporting services include those expenses related to the administrative operations, including accounting and administrative functions and those expenses related to student services, including transportation, nutrition and uniforms.

Total expenses for the year ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, are as follows:

•		2009		2008
Program Services:	 -			
Instructional services	\$	\$ 2,507,619		831,331
Supporting Services:		-		
Administrative services		1,349,545		461,731
Student services		837,369		274,767
Loss from misappropriation		421,858		_
Total expenses	\$	5,116,391	\$	1,567,829

8. CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATION

The School deposits its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions in the greater New Orleans area. Cash accounts at each financial institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. Cash on deposit in excess of insured limits was approximately \$216,464 and \$115,347 as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

9. SCHOOL PROPERTIES

On June 16, 2008, the School entered into an agreement with the Recovery School District (RSD), which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 3519 Trafalgar Street, or any other locations that may be approved by the School and the RSD. Prior to June 30, 2009, the School operated out of a temporary location provided by the RSD located at 4621 Canal Street under similar terms. The 3519 Trafalgar Street location consisted of temporary modular buildings. A new facility, which is located adjacent to the Trafalgar site, opened for the 2009-2010 School Year. The School is responsible for all necessary maintenance to ensure that the facilities comply with all state and local health and safety standards and other applicable laws, regulations and rules.

9. SCHOOL PROPERTIES (Continued)

Use of the property, including fixtures, furniture and equipment provided by the RSD is not recorded as an in-kind contribution. Current lease terms do not require rental payments from the School to the Recovery School District, but the RSD reserves the right to amend the agreement to charge rent in the future, if so desired.

10. LOSS FROM MISAPPROPRIATION

During the year ended June 30, 2009, the School incurred a loss through misappropriation of cash estimated at \$421,858. From the period July 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, additional estimated losses were \$251,814. An insurance claim was filed with the school; no amounts have been recorded which may be recovered from insurance. The School's insurance policy limits coverage to \$300,000.

11. NOTE PROCEEDS

Subsequent to year end, the School received a non-interest bearing loan in the amount of \$300,000 to be repaid on or before June 9, 2010. The School pledged insurance proceeds as described in Note 10 as collateral to secure the loan.

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, December 31, 2009, and determined that the events as disclosed in Note 10 and Note 11 require disclosure.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH **GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Trustees, NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School

We have audited the financial statements of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of

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findings and questioned costs as items 2009-1, 2009-2, 2009-3, and 2009-4 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 2009-1, 2009-2, and 2009-3 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The School's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the School's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and the Legislative Auditor's Office, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

New Orleans, Louisiana December 31, 2009

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Board of Trustees, NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School (the "School") (a nonprofit organization) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2009. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the School complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2009. However, the results or our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of non-compliance with those requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2009-5.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the School is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses as defined below. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies and others that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2009-1, 2009-2, 2009-3, and 2009-5 to be significant deficiencies.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. Of the significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we consider items 2009-1, 2009-2, and 2009-3 to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the basic financial statements of the School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2009. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of



the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The School's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the School's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and the Legislative Auditor's Office, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

New Orleans, Louisiana December 31, 2009

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Federal Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number		Federal Expenditures		
United States Department of Education					
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	\$	51,746		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)	84.010		457,978		
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367		26,117		
Hurricane Educator Assistance Program	84.938		117,096		
Public Charter School Programs	84.282		234,563		
		_\$	887,500		

See accompanying notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

(1) General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of the federal awards of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School (the "School"). The School's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009. All federal awards received from federal agencies are included on the schedule.

(2) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009.

(3) Relationship to Basic Financial Statements

Federal awards are included in the statement of activities and changes in net assets as federal grants.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

FINANCAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Yes • Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: No FEDERAL AWARDS Internal control over major programs: • Material weakness(es) identified? Yes • Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? No Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified Any audit findings which are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? Yes Identification of major programs: United States Department of Education Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) - CFDA number 84.010 • Charter School Program - CFDA number 84.282 Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000 Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? No

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

SECTION II - FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FNANCIAL STATEMENTS REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS:

2009-1 Internal Control over Financial Reporting/Misappropriation

Condition: The School's procedures relating to the control of expenditures

were not followed resulting in a loss from misappropriation of

funds.

Criteria: The School's procedures relating to ensuring the validity of cash

withdrawals from its demand deposit accounts included a review of the unopened bank statements and cancelled checks by the

school.

Effect: A loss on misappropriation of cash totaling \$421,858 was

incurred by the school during the year ended June 30, 2009. Additionally, \$251,814 was lost through misappropriation for the

period July 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

Cause: The School's procedures relating to the independent review of

the bank statements were not performed.

Recommendation: The procedure for reviewing the bank statements should be

performed timely, as designed. Additionally, the person performing the procedure should provide written evidence to

support the review has been performed.

Management's Response: CONCUR. The employee has been terminated and incident has

been reported to proper authorities, including the District Attorney and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. An insurance claim has been filed. Bank reconciliation procedures are being reassessed to provide greater segregation of duties and improved

review procedures.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

2009-2 Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Condition: As part of the audit process, we have assisted management in

drafting the financial statements and related notes. During the course of our audit procedures we proposed adjusting entries to

the general ledger accounts.

Criteria: The definition of internal control over financial reporting is that

policies and procedures exist that pertain to an entity's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in the annual financial statements, which for the School is that financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Our responsibility under current audit standards requires us to communicate this issue to the Board of Directors.

Effect: During the course of our audit procedures we assisted

management in drafting the financial statements and we identified significant adjusting entries to general ledger accounts.

Cause: During the year, management did not have adequate experienced

staffing to prepare the financial statements and perform reconciliations of the general ledger accounts in a timely manner.

Recommendation: All significant general ledger accounts should be reconciled in a

timely manner and reviewed by management.

Management's Response: CONCUR. The School has employed a new finance director

whose responsibilities will include the review financial statement reporting procedures, including timely reconciliation procedures. The school will document in writing its key controls and

reporting.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

2009-3 Segregation of Duties

Condition: During the course of our engagement, we noted that there was a

lack of segregation of duties regarding certain financial

processes.

Criteria: A system of internal control requires segregation of duties so that

no one individual has incompatible responsibilities. No one person should have the duty to authorize transactions, record

transactions, and maintain custody of assets.

Effect: Inadequate segregation of duties adversely affected the School's

ability to detect fraudulent transactions in the financial statements in a timely period in the normal course of employees'

performing their assigned functions.

Cause: The financial manager performed duties relating to authorizing

transactions, recording transactions, and maintaining custody of

assets without mitigating controls in place.

Recommendation: Segregation of duties for financial processes should be

reassessed and detailed procedures should be implemented to better segregate duties in financial processes including: grants

revenues and disbursements.

Management response: CONCUR. The School will reassess its control procedures to

provide greater segregation of duties with its staff.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

2009-4 Internal Control Over Payroll Disbursements

Condition: During the course of our engagement, we noted that the School

made payments to employees without properly withholding

social security taxes from income.

Criteria: A system of internal control requires social security taxes to be

withheld and remitted timely to the United States Internal

Revenue Service.

Effect: Inadequate withholdings and remittance of social security taxes

can cause the accumulation of fines and penalties both for the

employer and the employee.

Cause: Social security taxes were not withheld from bonus payments to

employees.

Recommendation: All payroll disbursements should be processed through

appropriate channels, such as Paychex, to mitigate the possibility

that social security taxes will be improperly withheld.

Management response: CONCUR. Future miscellaneous payments to employees for

compensation will be included in normal payroll processing.

D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Federal program identification:

CFDA Title: Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

CFDA Number: 84.027

Federal program identification:

CFDA Title: Charter Schools Program

CFDA Number: 84.282

Findings 2009-1, 2009-2, and 2009-3 are repeated in this Federal Awards and Questioned Costs Section

2009-5 Project Completion Reports

Condition: The required Project Completion Reports for fiscal year 2009

were not submitted timely to the Louisiana Department of

Education.

Criteria: According to the grant agreement, the School is required to

submit a Project Completion Report to the Louisiana Department

of Education at the close of each federal program.

Effect: The School is not in compliance with the grant agreement.

Cause: The School does not have procedures and controls in place to

ensure employees are properly following grant guidelines.

Recommendation. The School should document policies and procedures to ensure

compliance with grant agreements. All required reports should be agreed to the accounting records and should be reviewed by

someone other than the preparer prior to submission.

Management Response: CONCUR. The School will revise its procedures to include

timely filing of Project Completion Reports.

NOLA 180 D/B/A LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

2008-1 Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Condition: As part of the audit process, we have assisted management in

drafting the financial statements and related notes. During the course of our audit procedures we proposed adjusting entries to

the general ledger accounts.

Current Status: Not resolved. See repeat finding 2009-2.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School (the "School") and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the School and to ascertain whether the specified schedules are free of errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Bulletin. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

- 1. We selected a random sample of 25 transactions and obtained supporting documentation to ascertain if the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
 - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
 - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
 - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
 - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
 - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
 - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

No exceptions were noted.

Education Levels of Public School Staff (Schedule 2)

- We agreed, without exception, the total number of full-time classroom teachers per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total number of full-time classroom teachers per this schedule and to the School's supporting payroll records as of October 2, 2008.
- 3. We agreed, without exception, the combined total of principals and assistant principals per the schedule "Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers" (Schedule 4) to the combined total of principals and assistant principals per this schedule.
- 4. We agreed, without exception, a random sample of 25 teachers' educational level and certification status as reported on the schedule to the individuals' personnel file.

Number and Type of Public Schools (Schedule 3)

5. We noted the School only operated one elementary school during the year.

Experience of Public Principals and Full-time Classroom Teachers (Schedule 4)

6. We obtained a list of principals, assistant principals, and full-time teachers by classification as of October 2, 2008 and as reported on the schedule and traced the random sample as obtained in procedure 4 to their personnel file and were unable to ascertained that their experience was properly classified on the schedule.

Public School Staff Data (Schedule 5)

- 7. We obtained a list of all classroom teachers including their base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status as well as full-time equivalent as reported on the schedule and traced, without exception, the random sample as obtained in procedure 4 to the individual's personnel file to ascertain that their salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the schedule.
- 8. We recalculated, without exception, the average salaries and full-time equivalents reported in the schedule.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 6)

9. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule and agreed school type classifications to the Schedule 3 data, as obtained in procedure 5. We then traced, without exception, a random sample of 10 classes to the October 2, 2008 roll books for those classes and ascertained that the class was properly classified on the schedule, without exception.

Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) for the 21st Century (Schedule 7)

10. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and agreed scores, without exception, as reported by the testing authority to scores reported in the schedule by the School.



Graduation Exit Exam (GEE) (Schedule 8)

11. This schedule was intentionally left blank by the School because the School is not a high school.

The iLEAP Test (Schedule 9)

12. We obtained test scores as provided by the testing authority and agreed, without exception, the scores as reported by the testing authority to the scores reported in the schedule by the School.

We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Legislature, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and is not intended to be and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
December 31, 2009

d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources Year Ended June 30, 2009

Instructional and Equipment Expenditures				
Instructional Expenditures:				
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:				
Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$	1,579,084		
Other Instructional Staff Activities		232,879		
Employee Benefits		120,022		
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		202,730		
Instructional Materials and Supplies		282,248		
Instructional Equipment		8,258		
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities	-		\$	2,425,221
Other Instructional Activities				57,333
Pupil Support Activities		837,369		
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities		-		
Net Support Activities	·		-	837,369
Instructional Staff Services		25,065		
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	_			
Net Instructional Staff Services			_	25,065
School Administration				
Less: Equipment for School Administration		1,349,545		
Net School Administration	•			1,349,545
Total Instructional Expenditures			\$	4,694,533
Loss from Misappropriation			\$	421,858
Total Equipment Expenditures				8,258

d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources Year Ended June 30, 2009

Certain Local Revenue Sources	
Local Taxation Revenue:	
Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ -
Renewable Ad Valorem Taxes	-
Debt Service Ad Valorem Taxes	•
Up to 1% Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes	
Other Than School Taxes	=
Sales and Uses Taxes	
Total Local Taxation Revenue	\$
Local Earnings on Investments in Real Property:	
Earnings from 16th Section Property	\$ -
Earnings from Other Real Property	
Total Local Earnings on Investments in Real Property	\$
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:	
Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Taxes	\$ -
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes	-
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion	-
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	\$
Non Public Textbook Revenue	\$
Non Public Transportation Revenue	\$

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School Educational Levels of Public School Staff As of October 2, 2008

	Full Time Classroom Teachers				Principals & Assistant Principals			
	Certif	cated	Uncerti	ficated	Cortifi	cated	Uncerti	ificated
Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent_	Number	Percent
Less than a Bachelor's Degree		0%	3	30%	-	0%	-	0%
Bachelor's Degree	20	83%	7	70%	-	0%	1	33%
Master's Degree	2	8%	•	0%	1	100%	2	67%
Master's Degree +30	2	8%		0%	-	0%	-	0%
Specialist in Education	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Ph. D. or Ed. D.			<u> </u>	0%		0%		0%
Total	24	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%

d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School Number and Type of Public Schools Year Ended June 30, 2009

Туре	Number
Elementary	1
Middle/Jr. High	-
Secondary	-
Combination	
<u>Total</u>	1

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School Experience of Public Principals and Full Time Classroom Teachers As of October 2, 2008

	0-1 Yr.	2-3 Yrs.	4-10 Yrs.	11-14 Yrs.	15-19 Yrs.	20-24 Yrs.	25+ Yrs.	Total
Assistant Principals	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Principals	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Classroom Teachers	16	13	4			1		34
Total	18	14	5	-	_	1		38

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School Public School Staff Data Year Ended June 30, 2009

	All Classroom Teachers	Classroom Teachers Excluding ROTC and Rehired Retirees
Average Classroom		
Teachers Salary		
Including Extra Compensation	\$48,376	\$48,376
Average Classroom		
Teachers Salary		
Excluding Extra Compensation	<u>\$46,357</u>	\$46,357
Number of Teacher Full-time		
Equivalents (FTE's) used in		
Computation of Average Salaries	<u> 34</u>	34

NOLA 180 d/b/a 1,angston Hughes Academy Charter School Class Size Characteristics As of October 2, 2008

Class Size Range

	Class Size Kange									
	1-2	20	21-	26	27-	33	34	+		
School Type	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Elementary	4	22%	7	39%	7	39%	-			
Elementary Activity Classes	-			-	-	-				
Middle/Jr. High	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		
High	-	•	•	-	-	-	-	•		
High Activity Classes	-	_	_	-	-	-	-			
Combination	-	-		•	•	-	-	•		
Combination Activity Classes	ı.	-	~	-	-	-	•			

NOLA180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program for the 21st Century (LEAP) Year Ended June 30, 2009

School Achievement Level Results	ENGLISH LANG	UAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS		
	2009	9	2009		
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 4					
Advanced	0	0%	0	0%	
Mastery/Proficient	8	10%	2	2%	
Basic	32	38%	37	44%	
Approaching Basic	29	35%	31	37%	
Unsatisfactory	15	18%	14	17%	
Total	84	100%	84	100%	
School Achievement Level Results	SCIEN		SOCIAL ST		
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Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School Graduate Exit Exam (GEE) Year Ended June 30, 2009

School Achievement Level Results	ENGLISH LANG	GUAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS		
Students	200	19	2009		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 10 & 11					
Advanced	0	0%	0	0%	
Mastery/Proficient	0	0%	0	0%	
Basic	0	0%	0	0%	
Approaching Basic	0	0%	0	0%	
Unsatisfactory	0	0%	0	0%	
Total	0	0%	0	0%	

School Achievement Level Results	SCIEN	ICE	SOCIAL STUDIES 2009		
Students	200	9			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Grade 10 & 11					
Advanced	0	0%	0	0%	
Mastery/Proficient	0	0%	0	0%	
Basic	0	0%	0	0%	
Approaching Basic	0	0%	0	0%	
Unsatisfactory	0	0%	0	0%	
Total	0	0%	0	0%	

This schedule was intentionally left blank, because NOLA 180 is not a high school.

NOLA 180 d/b/a Langston Hughes Academy Charter School iLeap Year Ended June 30, 2009

School Achievement Level Results	ENGLISH LANC	UAGE ARTS	MATHEMATICS					
	2009	9	2009					
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Grade 5								
Advanced	0	0%	0	0%				
Mastery/Proficient	4	10%	2	5%				
Basic	15	37%	14	34%				
Approaching Basic	16	39%	15	37%				
Unsatisfactory	6	15%		24%				
Total	41	100%	41	100%				
School Achievement Level Results	SCIENCE						SOCIAL ST	
	200		2009					
Students	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Grade 5								
Advanced	0	0%	0	0%				
Mastery/Proficient	0	0%	1	2%				
Basic	9	22%	26	63%				
Approaching Basic	20	49%	10	24%				
Unsatisfactory	12	29%	4	10%				
Total	41	100%	41	100%				